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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this Patent Application, particularly in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks. No additional fee is required for this Amendment as the number of independent claims has not changed, and the total number of claims has not changed.

Telephone Interview Request

Applicant kindly requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (847) 490-1400 to schedule a telephone interview if any further Amendment is needed.

Amendment to the Claims

Applicant amended Claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 6 has been amended to recite "a center of the two-part hinge closure."

Claim 7 is amended to change the word "secures" to the word "provides." Support for this Amendment can be found at page 13, lines 8-10, of Applicant's Substitute Specification.

Claim 8 is amended to clarify the claim language.

No new matter has been added to the claims by this Amendment.

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Claim Objections

Applicant amended Claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner, thereby rendering the objection to Claims 1-4 and 9-24 moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

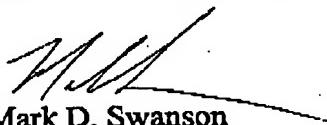
Claims 6-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, for the reasons set forth at page 2 of the Office Action. Applicant amended Claims 6-8, and respectfully asserts the above Amendment overcomes the rejection of Claims 6-8.

Conclusion

Applicant intends to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. If the Examiner detects any issue which the Examiner believes Applicant has not resolved in this response, Applicant's undersigned attorney requests a telephone interview with the Examiner.

Applicant sincerely believes that this Patent Application is now in condition for allowance and, thus, respectfully requests early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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